# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
# LOK SABHA

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TELECAST RIGHTS TO FOREIGN COMPANIES
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**Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:**

(a) the names of foreign companies which have been given approval for telecast rights in India at present;

(b) the terms and conditions imposed on these companies, separately;

(c) the names of companies out of these which are telecasting programmes in Indian languages, language-wise;

(d) the duration of telecast per day separately, channel-wise;

(e) whether any royalty has been fixed to be given by companies to the Government; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS ( SHRI P.R. DASMUNSI )

(a) to (f) : The policy guidelines for downlinking of television channels issued on 11.11.2005 and the guidelines for uplinking from India issued on 2.12.2005, inter-alia, require that the applicant company should be a company registered in India under the Indian Companies Act, 1956. Therefore, question of giving approval to foreign companies does not arise.